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SUBJECT: PETROLEUM - TAPLINE EXPORTS PAUSE

1. TRANSARABIAN PIPELINE (TAPLINE) REDUCED THRUPUT TO TRICKLE OF ABOUT 10,000 BPD (JUST ENOUGH FOR MEDRECO REFINERY) LATE MAY 9 BECAUSE TANK FARM NEAR CAPACITY AND LOADING SUSPENDED SINCE MAY 8 DUE PROXIMITY RECENT HOSITILITIES. SIDON AREA REPORTED QUIET BUT CONCERN REMAINS OVER POSSIBILITY OF SABOTAGE OF SHIPS LOADING. THREE SHIPS STANDING 30 MILES OUT AWAITING CLEARANCE BY OWNERS AND TAPLINE TO COMMENCE LOADING. TAPLINE RECOMMENDING TO NEW YORK THAT LOADING RESUME MORNING MAY 12.

2. IPC REPORTS THAT ITS PIPELINE EXPORTING AT CAPACITY WITH SHIPS WAITING.
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